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Letter dated 15 November 2000 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 10 November 2000 from the Chairperson of the Third Committee regarding the consideration of programme 19 of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, for appropriate action by the Committee.

(*Signed*) Harri **Holkeri**

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Annex

Letter dated 10 November 2000 from the Chairperson of the Third Committee to the Chairman of the Fifth Committee

I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 8 November 2000 in which you invited the Third Committee to revert to the consideration of programme 19, Human rights, of the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005, with a view to submitting, before 17 November, concrete recommendations to the Fifth Committee on this programme.

As you had requested, I immediately brought your letter to the attention of the Third Committee.

In addition, in your absence, I invited the Bureau of the Fifth Committee to join with the Bureau of the Third Committee in an informal meeting yesterday to discuss the matter.

The Bureaux explored options which would enable the Third Committee to assist the work of the Fifth Committee on this issue. The members of both Bureaux agreed, in the light of the short time left in the session of the Third Committee, that when the consideration of programme 19 was to be discussed in the Fifth Committee, the Third Committee experts could be present at the meeting of the Fifth Committee.

I have the honour to inform you that, this morning, at the beginning of the Third Committee's 54th meeting, I informed the Committee of the results of the consultations between the two Bureaux and the Third Committee approved the arrangement proposed.

In transmitting this information to you, Mr. Chairperson, I should like to express my appreciation and that of the Bureau of the Third Committee for the sensitivity of the Bureau of the Fifth Committee to our concerns and particularly the time pressures under which we are working in order to conclude our deliberations today, as scheduled and as requested by the General Assembly.

(*Signed*) Yvonne **Gittens-Joseph**
Chairperson of the Third Committee